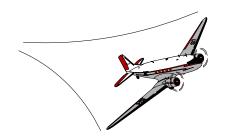
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Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin informs you, owners and operators of **British Aerospace Regional Aircraft (BAE Systems) Jetstream 200, 3101, 3201, and HP137 MK1 series aircraft**, that BAE Systems has issued a mandatory service bulletin (SB) 32-JA030340, issue 1, to inspection the radius rod spherical bearing on the main landing gear.

Background

Routine maintenance found a spherical bearing which had migrated part way out of the bearing housing (cylinder). This could have resulted in the collapse of the main landing gear. An investigation concluded that the bearing sleeve had not been swaged correctly when it was installed.

Recommendation

We highly recommend that you perform the inspection and possible correction as described in BAE Systems' SB referenced above.

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